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I am writing because I think that the telephone companies should not have a say on what I do with my internet connection. I read the petition and I totally disagree with it. My carrier is NOT going broke because I use an internet phone program. I still pay over \$200 in long distance charges and telephone service every single month. If anything, the FCC should force telephone companies to lower their long distance rates.

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>Date: Sat, 10 Aug 1996 23:24:25  
>From: BradCuster@gnn.com (Bradley Custer)  
>To: rm8775@fcc.gov  
>Subject: ACTA Mar 4,96 Petition

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>Dear FCC:

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>Petition of March 4, 1996.

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>software retailers can be in any way regarded comparable  
>or in need of the same regulations as telephony corporations.

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>I will explain: Telephony corporations provide a pay-per-use  
>service which must be maintained with constant human-hours,  
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>Furthermore, a company does not have to be the only means  
>whereby citizens can take advantage of voice-communication  
>via the Internet. Any intelligent programmer can produce a  
>similar program, hence private creativity would be STIFLED  
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>enhancement of digital voice exchange software.

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>was used as commonly as telephone use itself, then a drastically  
>different telecommunications infrastructure would be desired and  
>likewise progressive means of revenue generation would become  
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